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1. The undamaged railroad bridge across the Maritsa River near Plovdiv is about 110 meters long and 4 1/2 meters wide and has one track. The bridge is 7 meters above the stream at mean water level. It is a steel-truss structure resting on five masonry piers. *
2. The undamaged railroad bridge across the Kricimka River, about 10 km west of Plovdiv, is about 50 meters long, 4 meters wide and has one track. It is 5 meters above the stream at mean water level. The bridge is a steel-truss structure resting on two masonry piers. ** and ***

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* Comment. The bridge is located in the northern town section of Plovdiv, between the Plovdiv and Filipovo railroad stations. It is used by the single-track line branching off in Plovdiv in the direction of Zagora-Burgas. This line is of great importance for traffic to and from the Black Sea. See Annex 1 for sketch of bridge. See Annex 3 for sketch showing pinpoint location of bridge, Annex 2 - Sketch of bridge.

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** Comment. This bridge is located between the Krisim and Kadievo railroad stations on the Sofia-Plovdiv-Edirne-Istanbul line, which is used by international transit traffic and also by the Orient Express. See Annex 3 for sketch showing pinpoint location of bridge.

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*** Comment. The Kricimka is also called Vaca River by the local population.

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